

ReEntry Retreat Zoom Team Meeting - Adults
27 July 2020 7.30 pm

MINUTES

1. Welcome - Dawn

2. Present: Dawn Taylor, Michael Collie, Mark Glover, Jane Window, Rachel Sinclair, Jenny Johnston

3. Apologies: Daniel Templeman Twells

4. Devotion – Dawn. Devotion in Feb. – we can experience joy in our lives because of what Jesus has done for us. Pilgrim in Psalm 84 expressed joy in being in the house of the Lord. The Joy of the Lord is your strength Neh 8:10 When we feel sorrow from doing something wrong or amidst difficult circumstances – the joy of the Lord is our strength; boundless joy comes from God alone and our relationship with him.

Prayer – Dawn

Team all shared how they are going during lockdown – Dawn prayed for us

5. Revisit previous minutes – nothing to add

6. Business arising:

2020 ReEntry Retreat:

- a) **FEES** - \$100/adults, \$75/young adults, \$50/child
- b) **PROGRAM – Michael and Rachel**

Michael circulated by email draft program that he and **Rachel** worked on – team discussed.

Points from Michael:

- Need to reinvent the retreat in an efficient way but take full advantage of online format, for instance look at each activity and look at what the best distribution of facilitators and activities is. Not limited to a physical venue, can divide people up into groups and breakout rooms – divide up into what we think is the best combination and use of time. Avoid as much as possible the 'one talking head and 24 faces'.
- Begin in a plenary session and break up - 6 people ?3 couples can improve quality of discussion – dynamic of smaller group may improve the quality of the workshop, have a spokesperson or mix it up and reconvene into larger group
- Could send workbooks out, including handout for seminars, stress graph might be better done during the session. Have people arrive having completed a number of tasks.
- Online games – icebreaker along the lines of what we already do; groups of 6 and then mix it up. Steer that process, deliberately grouping people in different combinations – 5 minutes then move on.
- Importance of the gift bag. Need to think about what is in the gift bag. Tissues are important.

- Have sealed envelope with certificate.
- Folder have some sealed sections – some mystery – shows we've thought about it and it's organised.

ACTION: Jenny to send gift bag list to **Michael**

Rachel: Need someone who is very good at Zoom when in break out rooms, need someone to drive it.

Michael - Retreat – written instructions and liturgy, clear and unambiguous.

Liturgy and installation – cues and guidance – Michael has been thinking about how can we do that.

Mark – photos or video or music with slides – can be powerful

Michael – use similar metaphors – eg map, airline ticket; Gifts given and received – aspects of language and culture – ask participants beforehand to choose something meaningful for each reflection – starts their meditation or reflection – can use it to speak to during the small group or choose something else.

Mark – do only they see their object or share with the small group or have photo sent to us before hand to create a slide show; will see the object they contributed along with others

Michael – the installation could consist of the object that everyone has contributed. We can provide a bit of guidance there and include items that we want to. It is a way of inviting people to contribute to the installation. Need instrumental track with it.

Dawn has photos of all the installations

ACTION:

Michael to request images from participants

ACTION:

Michael to ask some young friends to put together collected images and music

SMALL GROUPS:

2-hour Zoom session is not advisable - breaking this up – give 20-30 minutes to tell story, pause break, stagger these sessions

TIMETABLE: **Rachel** modified existing timetable – team reviewed timetable displayed on shared screen and discussed

- 10-15-minute introduction to each reflection – over the next 2 hours open the envelope and watch a video and small group meets at a certain time.
- Remove tea breaks and lunch

FINISH WITH CELEBRATORY MEAL – share recipes? DIY communion; possibility of bringing food in – would be good to do something special

- Include something nice in the gift bag

DEVOTIONS: Include – need to set the tone, posture with the expectations that if we set aside time with God that things will happen.

Dawn remind us that **Daniel** had offered to present devotions – do live or pre-recorded.

? Use YouTube videos for songs or ? live music

More discussion about program:

Michael – how we enter together into the retreat, first night bring focus together in a God centred way,

Mark – helpful to refocus throughout the weekend as it is hard to launch into some sessions

Michael – before first session – couple of people sharing stories, someone sharing prayer and homily. Facilitators need to model sharing.

Mark – rather than having separate devotions each session starts with short devotion

Michael – (At face-to-face retreat) - reminds us by the time we have first session there has been meeting and serving at the door and dinner – hard to replicate this online – get people at start of reflection and sharing prepared to have something to share – our task is to set this up, so people can see things in a different way and share their stories. How do we get people on the same page?

Pre-retreat contact with participants:

Mark – greeting - each of the facilitators have a phone conversation or small Zoom meeting with the people in their group – start the conversation and get to know each other – start to prepare the ground – would this help to address this concern – **Jane** wonders if it will be hard to get people to meet.

Jane requests help with Zoom

ACTION: **Mark** to assist **Jane**.

Mark – group meeting or individual phone calls – introduce self and help prepare them for the first night

Rachel – suggests we ask if they have any challenges or anxieties about the retreat

ZOOM FOR RETREAT:

ZOOM MIV account – **Dawn** reported to team BR rooms – pre-arranged groups are possible.

ACTION: **Dawn** to check with Nataliya if we can use the MIV Zoom from the Friday to Sunday

IT FACILITATOR – Mark

Introductory session – Michael

– **Michael** can work hard on the retreat, after 15/16th August can't do anything until then as is working on livestream Sparklit 13th Aug. 14th board meeting.

PRIORITISE:

MARK – priority is to agree on the rough format and communicate that to potential participants

Priority - Most urgent thing is to design the program, then work out what we need to initiate each of the sections.

MICHAEL – what do we need to do to set up the retreat experience remotely – replicate the experience – need some sort of ritual to initiate that condition.

MARK: Have **Michael** and **Rachel** decided if we need the full 3 days - Do we need the full length of time? Yes

Children will be around for some families.

RACHEL: Likes the idea of sealed envelopes and the condition of opening the envelope is you turn your phone off – digital fast.

MICHAEL Provide an envelope to put phones in - Do not disturb mode. While phone is in that bag you are spending time alone with God. Mail to WA for resources could take 10 days.

RACHEL: prepare participants to be able to take time out.

MICHAEL asks the team to take on working on the program

DAWN: what can we do in the meantime while **Michael** is busy – what other things do we need to do?

MICHAEL – can redo brochure but can't do anything that needs creativity – **Dawn** will assist with brochure

WORK ON PROGRAM: **Dawn** asked **Rachel** – could you head that up – **Dawn** will work with her

ACTION: **Rachel & Dawn** to work on program

Could we have TCK program at same time as adult program? Younger children would need parents to help.

MARK: Internet connection might be an issue – but would find a program easier if the children were involved in own program

MICHAEL: **John** and team would like to involve parents

DAWN: younger children will need parents to supervise

MICHAEL BIOGRAPHY of the facilitators — once parents have seen – this implies consent.

DAWN: In relation to 'Child Safety and Protection' Natalya said that – there is no problem, so long as two facilitators are always present

MICHAEL: Is it overwhelming?

MARK – fair bit of work to do but it can work well

DAWN feels we can do it.

- c) **NAME: MICHAEL:** need to be clear about what our intentions are. A reflection or a retreat?

Change people's impressions of what a retreat is in 2020. Challenge – limitation can't remove people from their homes. We want people to enter into a retreat even though they are still in their same homes.

'RE-ENTRY RETREAT AT HOME' – AGREED

d) **DATES** 17th – 20th September

e) **BROCHURE** – **Mark** asked will the brochure outline the format?
Or is that a separate communication –

Dawn – details can be in the welcome letter – brochure minimum amount of info to prepare participants

Brochure to include points – good internet connection – online – a device each – we are aware of the needs of parents of children. 4 sessions of 2 hours and a number of sessions when both will be involved for a time. No details of times.

Mark – can **Dawn** and **Rachel** work on program so that we can articulate how much time the parents would need – the critical items by the end of this week to formulate the brochure and send it out next week. Can't do anything until met with TCK leader – need to include the dates of the TCK program. Encourage people to find child minding if possible – probably not possible for those in Victoria

ACTION: Dawn and Rachel to discuss

f) **PARTICIPANTS** half from Vic and half from WA & Qld. 17 adults.

- Are we going to cap at 24 or larger number with 4 in small groups? NB time difference. WA
- LIMITATION IS number of facilitators only 3 men facilitators
- **MARK:** aware of facilitator to participant ratio.
- **DAWN:** 1 facilitator to 3 participants
- **MICHAEL:** we can't invite guest facilitators
- **MARK:** wonders if Graeme Vines might be able to come on board
- **MICHAEL:** Possible to brief another facilitator
- **DAWN:** wait until end of registration to see if we need any more facilitators
- **DAWN:** Wrote to a family letting them know that it was online and they pulled out because it is online – leaving deposit with us – we will refund the rest.
- **MICHAEL:** Others may also pull out – do we need a threshold if number goes down to 6 or 9 would we still hold it. Wait until end of registration.
- **MARK:** If not enough participants call it off. **YES**
- **MARK:** should we cap numbers – could cap it at 12-15 adult males? ask Andrew Vines?
- **DAWN:** keep number at 24 adults if possible

7. **Next meeting:** 30 July 2020 8.15 pm – whole team Zoom

8. **Close in prayer: Michael**

ACTION POINTS ARISING

DAWN

1. Be in touch with **Rachel** Thurs.
2. Work on brochure content with **Michael**
3. Work on program with **Rachel**

4. Check with Nataliya if we can use the MIV Zoom from the Friday to Sun

MICHAEL

1. Request a couple of images from participants
2. Ask some young friends to put together collected images and music

RACHEL

1. Work with **Dawn** on program

JENNY

1. Send list of gift bag items to **Michael**

MARK

1. Assist **Jane** with Zoom
2. Role as IT Facilitator